

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether "Integrated Rural Energy Programme" (IREP) is not giving desired results due to lack of proper training facilities in the rural Areas ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to make the programme effective?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a), (b) & (c): Under the Integrated Rural Energy Programme (IREP) training is being imparted to different categories of beneficiaries through Regional, State and District level training centers / technical back-up units. Five Regional level IREP training centers have been set up as part of this programme. Further, State-level technical back-up units and District-level technical back-up units have been set up under the programme. Training programmes for the rural areas are conducted through these facilities. The programme was modified in 2003-04 to make it more effective through increased emphasis on human resource development, strengthening of training facilities and provision of higher central financial assistance.